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Has social networking gone too far?

When bullying leads to death

Every year millions of teens are bullied online. Below is a partial list of teenagers who took their own lives because of the intensity of cyberbullying inflicted upon them by their peers:

Megan Meier, 13

Dardenne Prairie, Missouri
Died October 2006

Pheobe Prince, 15

South Hadley, Massachusetts
Died January 2010

Alexis Pilkington, 17

West Islip, New York
Died March 2010

Ryan Halligan, 13

Essex Junction, Vermont
Died October 2003

Rachael Neblett, 17

Mount Washington, Kentucky
Died October 2006

Sam Leeson, 13

Tredworth,
Gloucestershire (England)

Sarah Butler, 12

Williford, Arkansas
Died on September 26, 2009

Abraham K. Biggs, 19

Broward County, Florida
Died November 2008

To view more stories about those who have been affected by cyberbullying, visit www.jaredstory.com/bully.html.

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Photo from Facebook

Q&A with Tim Davis

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Remember when you were in sixth grade and just started to realize that those light-up sneakers you loved so much weren't going to fly in middle school? Or when you would ride the bus home, put on Rocket Power and vegetate in front of the TV for hours? Do you remember the freedom? The lack of responsibility?

Can you imagine, sitting on that bus home and asking yourself: Am I gay?

Tim Davis, a junior digital communications major here at LVC, asked that question to himself.

Tim is one of the openly gay students on campus. As vice president of Freedom Rings, LVC's permutation of the Gay/Straight Alliance, he is an active member in supporting and advancing the gay community



Photo submitted by Sam Shoemaker '12 within the school. He is also a member of concert choir, chamber choir and has had parts in two of the plays produced by the Wig and Buckle Theater Company.

After the recent tragedy of the Tyler Clementi suicide, which involved a Rutgers University freshman taking his own life after his roommate streamed a video of his sexual encounter with another man over Twitter, the gay community at LVC has even more to say than usual.

Tim was interviewed to get some insight into what being a gay student

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A press of a button, a leap over a bridge

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"It's inconceivable now what you can do now with a simple press of a button," says Stephen C. MacDonald, president of Lebanon Valley College

For 18-year-old Rutgers University student Tyler Clementi, one simple press of a button led him to suicide. The tragedy began on Sept. 19 when Clementi's roommate, Dharun Ravi, 18, used iChat and the social networking site Twitter to broadcast Clementi having a sexual encounter with another man without Clementi's knowledge. After Clementi discovered the invasion, he posted one last Facebook status, "Jumping off the gw bridge sorry," before committing suicide by leaping off the George Washington Bridge at Fort Lee, NJ the next day.

Tim Davis '12, one openly gay student at LVC, was astounded by what happened to Clementi.

"I was shocked that anyone could be that kind of a scumbag. It's just terrible. I'm not sure if the roommate who filmed everything knew that he was going that far, but he had to know that this was going to do some serious damage to Tyler. Obviously, you're going to utterly devastate this kid, and why would you do that?" Davis asks.

Clementi's suicide, as well as several other suicides and other episodes of violence against the GLBT community, have caused LVC students and staff to reexamine the college's own policies regarding the protection of students against harassment.

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NEWS

Annual music industry conference draws near

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Lebanon Valley's sixth annual Music Industry Conference (MIC) is fast approaching. LVC-MIC is an independent, student-run event which will take place in Blair Music Hall on Nov. 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This year's MIC theme is (R)evolution, symbolizing how the old model of the music industry is disappearing and transforming into an industry where people are more independent and do not have to rely on huge corporations to succeed.

A unique experience, this conference provides students from many various majors with the chance to network and make connections leading to intern-

ships and job opportunities. Panelists, consisting of highly respected professionals, come to LVC from all over the country to run workshops at MIC.

LVC-MIC is primarily organized, designed and run by the Music Industry Colloquium Class, MISA (Music Industry Students Association) and AES (Audio Engineering Society). LVC faculty plays a very minor role in the organization of the conference because they feel it is important that it be a student-run event.

Every year, LVC-MIC has grown in size and recognition, bringing in different and more exciting panelists and workshops every year. This event is open and useful to all majors because of the variety of topics on which the panelists present workshops.

This year's panelists include: Steve Smith, Jeremy Hummel,

Paula Savastano, Sherri Mullen, Robert Case, Doug Gould, Bernie Resnick, Booker Rayner, Terry Selders, John Harris, Michael Windish, Chris Cabott, Sue Buzard, Erica Young '07, Jen Payne '09, Priscilla Mattinson Esq., Fred Hermanson and Alex Eaves.

As there is not enough funding from LVC to support the entire conference, there is a fee to enter. The fee to register is \$15 online or \$25 at the door the day of the conference.

For more information about the conference go to www.lvcmic.com and look out for our special MIC issue next week.

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Photo of the Month



Photo by Cody Shepp '12 / LA VIE

PIE IN THE FACE As October is now behind us, we thought we'd share our favorite picture from the month. This gem is from the Pie Eating Contest held on October 21

Lebanon Health Services, Shroyer offer free STI testing

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"One in four individuals will contract an STI (sexually transmitted infection) by the time they reach 25 years of age," says Lebanon Family Health Services online.

Students may not always experience symptoms of an STI, but it is important to be tested regardless. Lebanon Family Health Services offers emergency contraception, annual exams, birth control, pregnancy tests and free STI testing (including HIV) and free condoms.

The center runs a walk-in clinic every Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Only 10 to 15 minutes

away, the center is located on 615 Cumberland Street in Lebanon, Pa. The staff has a strict confidentiality policy and the staff is all female. The cost of their procedures is based on a sliding-fee scale determined by household size and income. Female students may benefit from the Select Plan, a medical benefit program that provides reproductive health care free!

However, if you don't want to travel to Lebanon, STI testing is available once a month at Shroyer Health Center here on campus. These services have been offered for the past year and a half. Although students were hesitant at first, students are more willing to take advantage of these free services.

"When it started last year, only a few students showed up, but now students have gotten more used to the concept," says Valerie Angeli, director of Shroyer Health Center. Students are notified of the results of their test. If a test is positive, students will receive medication at Lebanon Family Health Services' office as soon as possible. For more information, visit either Shroyer Health Center or www.lebanonfamilyhealth.org. Lebanon Valley Health services also has a Facebook and Myspace page.

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Coffee House Series

9:30 PM November 3rd at MJ's Coffehouse

The Cardinelles

For more information visit
www.lvc.edu/live-calendar/November.aspx

LVC Live Event

9:00 PM November 5th at Leedy Theater

Lauren Bishop

For more information visit
www.joeyedmonds.com/artist_detail.php?artist_ID=84

Corrections
& Clarifications

It is our continuing goal to provide readers with complete and accurate information. To that end, we welcome and encourage notification of any mistakes. Readers who wish to submit corrections should send an email to lavie@lvc.edu, subject line: *Corrections*.

NEWS



CAMPUS

CRIMEWATCH

All information courtesy of the LVC Department of Public Safety

10-28-10 | Campus

Traffic Accident

There was a hit and run in the East lot.

10-30-10 | Campus

Suspicious Person

Two suspicious individuals in a car were called in.

10-30-10 | Campus

Emergency Assistance

Two intoxicated students passed out.

10-30-10 | Campus

Alcohol Violation

There was an alcohol violation.

10-31-10 | Campus

Traffic Accident

A motor vehicle accident occurred.

Please report any suspicious activity to Public Safety at x6111.

Student Government Update: 11.1.10

Hershey interested in supplying ice cream

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At this week's Student Government meeting the club applications continued with the dance team's proposal. Prior to tonight, the team applied numerous times but failed to accommodate club rules concerning girls who did not initially make the team. As a club, Dance Team is not allowed to make cuts and must invite all whom interested to dance. As a result, they were denied the status. Rules concerning tryouts were altered and decisions were made to grant them full-club status. LVC ADS was not prepared for tonight's meeting. Updates on their status next week.

The stadium seating which was discussed in last week's meeting was brought to the attention of President Stephen MacDonald by Ashton O'Brien '11, President. Unfortunately this project will have to wait for an-

other year due to the construction of Mund College Center which monopolizes the majority of LVC's budget.

Metz Food Service was approached by Hershey Foods concerning the ice cream supplier for the cafeteria. Hershey is interested in replacing Turkey Hill as the current supplier. Student Government is planning to have a Taste Test Table outside of the cafeteria in the upcoming weeks in order to cast the vote of the student body. Keep your eyes open and place your vote! As Mike Mellon '13 would say, it'll be "The American Idol for ice cream!" Also, from the food service, the annual Thanksgiving Meal will be served on November 18, 2010, the Thursday before Thanksgiving break. The tradition continues!

Winter Formal invites will be mailed this week! Keep your eyes open and return your RSVP slips as soon as possible!

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Seminary student shadowing Chaps

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Lebanon Valley College hosts a variety of interns each year. This year, Shayna Watson, a student from the Lancaster Theological Seminary (LTS), is doing her internship in the spiritual life sector of LVC.

Watson graduated from Pittsburgh University in 2002 and says she would like to "teach theology from the context of a worldview" or even teach a world religions class. "As an intern at LVC, I have three primary learning goals: gain a better understanding of chaplaincy in the context of an institution/college, engage the academic life and lastly engage the students," says Watson.

Her goal of "engaging in academic life" will come true when she gives a class presentation during the semester.

According to Watson, the majority of student volunteering projects that occur at LVC are presented by the director of service and volunteerism, Chaplain Fullmer. "Chaps is one of the most awesome individuals that anyone could ever meet!" says Watson. As an intern, she has an opportunity to see how Chaps works as the department head and as chaplain.

A large challenge is finding time to participate in student organization meetings on LVC campus. This is difficult because these meetings largely take place during her LTS classes. She hopes to have fewer conflicts with these meetings next semester.

From Lancaster, Pa, Watson grew up Pentecostal attending the Church of God in Christ. She took residence in Pittsburgh during her undergraduate studies and moved to Maryland a couple years later. She currently lives in Lancaster, Pa in an on-campus apartment at LTS.

When asked about her family life, Watson says she is currently in a relationship and would like to start a family in the future. "We're both full-time students, I'm not working and he has a sustainable income, but not enough for three or four or more," laughs Watson.

When asked who her biggest role model in life is, she says her mother, Cynthia. Watson was raised

by her mother and father until she was 13 years old. After her father's death, her mother took responsibility for Watson as well as her three older siblings. Her mother also reached out to other children who needed homes.

"My mom has this crazy energy, which causes her to never stop moving. I mean to say that she is constantly helping a family or a child in need. She never concerned herself with race, sexual orientation, age, disability, etc. She helps anyone in need. I can only pray to be half as compassionate as my mom," says Watson.

If you would have asked Watson as a child what she wanted to be when she grew up, she would have

(MAR). The main difference between the programs being that the MAR program involves taking fewer courses. Watson chose the Master of Divinity program, which starts each year with a week long program. "The first year we are exposed to denominational diversity by going to various churches. The second year, we experience an intensive [workshop] in pastoral leadership and self-awareness," states Watson. Students are also exposed to many different forms of theology.

"There's so much, and it is ever changing, because the students, faculty and staff shape the learning atmosphere, so that its diverse offerings change from year to year," explains Watson.

LVC was not Watson's first choice when it came to doing an internship; she was even unaware that an internship at LVC was available. It was not until she spoke with Andrea Ferguson who spoke highly of her internship experience at LVC that Watson decided to do her internship here.

"I fell in love with the campus and the energy that the students exemplified. I never met a group of individuals that was so eager to reach out to communities. LVC has a nurturing environment and seems to provide a lot of opportunities for growth and advancement for students," Watson comments.

One favorite free-time activity of Watson's is to go to the movies. "I especially love suspense, horror, thriller, fantasy and whatever genre 'Inception' would be under," says Watson. Painting used to be a hobby of hers, and she would love to start painting again, but the only drawback of painting is the expensive materials.

"I truly love every aspect of seminary; all of it is enjoyable, yet challenging. I love learning new things. I especially enjoy taking the tools that I have been equipped with from prior courses and applying them to the current course of study. It's almost like being enlightened and refreshed every day," says Watson with a smile.

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SHAYNA WATSON

Seminary student from Lancaster Theological Seminary

said a lawyer. This was due to the imprisonment of people of color because of "systematic and institutionalized racism," says Watson. Her goal was to become a hero in the black community. "I felt that the only way of understanding the judicial system was to become a part of it—learn the language," states Watson.

The career plan she had chosen changed when theology took her down a different course. Describing her career choice, she uses the age old saying "I did not choose the career, the career chose me." This career has shown her that there are other ways that liberation can occur for all people.

When asked what seminary training involved, she responds with, "What doesn't seminary involve?" LTS has two professional degree programs: Master of Divinity and Master of Arts and Religion

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Has social networking gone too far?

NETWORK:

Facebook post leads to suicide

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MacDonald believes that social media has given unprecedented power to manipulate the lives of others.

“[Clementi’s death] brings home how powerful a tool it is. It’s so powerful it kills people. That’s how powerful it is. You can kill your roommate with it. It destroys people’s lives,” MacDonald said.

Dr. Jeff Ritchie, an associate professor of digital communications at LVC, points out that there has been a lag between expanding technologies and legal precedent.

“The unfortunate thing about digital media is the reach is virtually infinite. The law is struggling about figuring out what to do. Our laws are based on media technology from 400 years ago. We’ve had time to figure out that the laws back then are just a bad fit now. I think the punishments should reflect the needs of everyday people rather than the concerns and needs of an industry,” said Ritchie.

MacDonald urges students to be aware of the power of social networking and reminds them to take charge of the responsibility that

comes with that power.

MacDonald also notes that had Clementi sought help after his roommate’s attack, he may be alive today since Rutgers, like many other universities including LVC, has resources to help students in times of need.

Students with harassment concerns can contact Public Safety, the faculty, the residential assistants, and members of the residential life staff including the area coordinators.

Another resource is Student Affairs. Vice President of Student Affairs Greg Krikorian says that there have been instances of harassment using technology at LVC. “Somebody taped someone involved in an intimate act and made that public. The person who did that faced both criminal and institutional action and was separated from the institution,” said Krikorian.

The LVC Student handbook, provided to all students at the beginning of the fall semester, clearly shows what happened to Clementi would have been against guidelines here at LVC.

The handbook states that “Participat[ing] in any unauthorized use of electronic or other devices to make an audio or video recording of any person while on college premises without his/her prior knowledge, or without his/her effective consent when such a recording is likely to cause

injury or distress. This includes but is not limited to surreptitiously taking pictures of another person.”

Another resource on campus is the Bias Response Team, which consists of two faculty members, three members of the faculty, and three students.

Theodora Hermes ’12, a student member of the Bias Response Team, describes the group as a “forum for students and others to seek advice and guidance regarding perceived instances of harassment and acts of violence based on race, national or ethnic origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion and disability. We refer to our Team as a ‘hot line’ to which people can turn for immediate counsel and assistance in assessing the character and gravity of situations that they encounter.”

A third resource on campus is Freedom Rings. In response to Clementi’s suicide, LVC’s GLBT advocacy group plans to host several events to raise awareness about the struggles in the lives of gays and lesbians. The group also plans to sell shirts that read “Gay? Fine by me” in an effort to allow LVC students a chance to broadcast their support of gays and lesbians.

Christa Levko ’12, president of

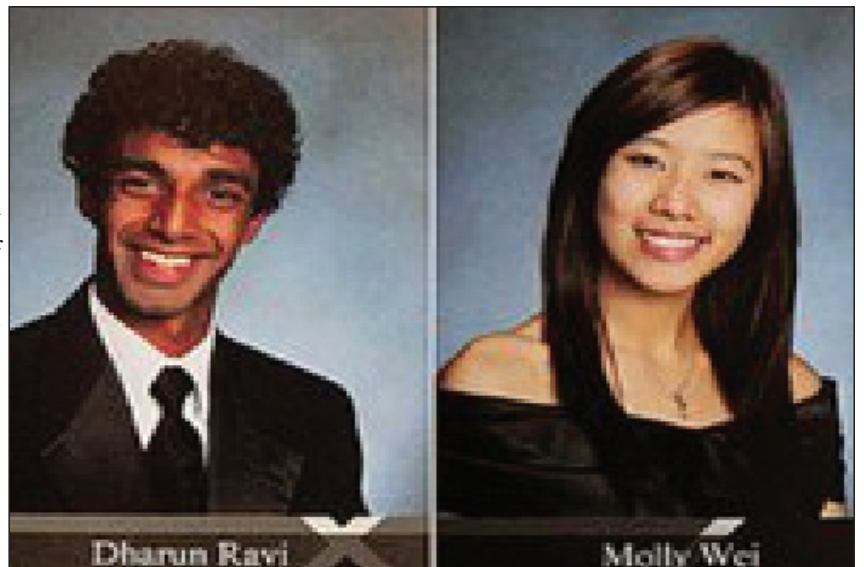


Photo from Facebook

Freedom Rings, is proud of what the group does to promote acceptance. “We practice what we preach. We are an accepting club, and we hope others follow our example.”

At its core, what happened to Tyler Clementi isn’t an issue of suicide. It isn’t even a question of whether or not social networking is strangling us as it gives us just one more avenue to hurt and harass each other.

It’s really an issue of America’s hatred of anyone not like ‘us,’ including its GLBT community.

We shouldn’t merely have seen these tragedies coming. Unless we as a country make a decisive effort to

change the climate for our queer citizens, we should expect more deaths to come. The only question is how many more bodies will we need to realize something has to change?

LVC’s English 213 Journalism class is exploring how social networking and homophobia mixed to create this tragedy. In this special issue of La Vie and La Vie Online, there are several articles exploring LVC’s reactions to events that have been reported worldwide.

Visit lavieonline.lvc.edu for the complete version of this story.

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Q&A: LVC student shares his story

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at LVC is like, to learn more about the coming-out process and to elicit some feedback about the Clementi suicide and the role that social media played in it.

Q: So Tim, when did you first realize and accept that you were gay?

A: When I was in 6th grade, I had this weird crush on my music teacher, and for the first two weeks of that going on, I didn’t think anything was strange. Then I remember one day coming home on the school bus; I sort of said to myself, “I’m gay, aren’t I?” and I just kind of accepted it.

Q: Who was the first person you told?

A: I told my friend Andy in 7th grade because I knew he wouldn’t betray my trust. It was probably the most awkward conversation I’ve ever had in my life, and it took me about an hour to actually say it.

Q: When did you start to come out to your friends and family?

A: Around my junior year of high school.

Q: Why wait such a long time to tell everyone else?

A: I was reluctant to tell my other friends because I didn’t want that kind of gossip to get around, and then eventually I got to point where I said, “I should start telling people,” and I think part of that was because it was getting incredibly awkward as I tried to relate to some of my peers. They were interested in girls, and I was like what am I supposed to say? I’d much rather just tell the truth.

Q: What’s your family like?

A: I have seven siblings, and I am the youngest.

Q: How did your family react?

A: I came out to all seven of them [siblings], and they’re all supportive, very positive, but I haven’t come out to my parents yet because they are very conservative, very Christian, and you never know how they’ll react. So, my plan now is to wait until I graduate and get out on my own, wait ‘til I’m stable and then come out, and if they want nothing to do with me, then they have to live with that.

Q: How did your religious upbringing affect your decision to accept your sexual orientation?

A: I’ve never been very religious, so I’ve never had some of the hang-

ups and the barriers that some gay Christians do. It kind of all happened at once, when I stopped believing in God and realized that I was gay. But I certainly think that more and more people are able to reconcile it now because they accept the part of the Bible that is much more loving.

Q: What was it like when you came to LVC? Did you feel accepted?

A: It was very nice and very surprising when I actually started coming here to see that we have a chaplain who is incredibly supportive. We have support groups on campus. We have things like Freedom Rings. We have the Office of Multicultural Affairs. We have the bias response team, so we have support networks in place if I were to feel uncomfortable.

Q: Do you feel uncomfortable?

A: No.

Q: What does “Gay Pride” mean to you?

A: I think gay pride is much more than being proud of being gay. It’s being proud of who you are and being proud of being gay without fear. Gay pride is just being able to be yourself, and it’s great.

Q: How did you feel when you heard

about the Tyler Clementi suicide?

A: I was shocked that anyone could be that kind of a scumbag. It’s just terrible. I’m not sure if the roommate who filmed everything knew that he was going that far, but he had to know that this was going to do some serious damage to Tyler. Obviously, you’re going to utterly devastate this kid, and why would you do that?

Q: How would you feel if you were in that situation?

A: I would feel violated and embarrassed, but I wouldn’t kill myself. I think that maybe something that’s being overlooked, when so much of the attention in this is focused on social media and bullying, is intolerance. You know, you’re a freshman in college, it’s a fresh start and you think you’re in this great social position, and then all of a sudden, bam. People need to know the consequences of their actions.

Q: How do you feel about social media?

A: In my opinion, social media is a neutral tool. It’s not inherently good or bad. It is how we choose to use [it] that’s what’s important. Something

like this [Clementi] isn’t so much a commentary on this technology but how our society uses it.

Q: Do you think that social media sites should filter what content can be posted?

A: No, because where would you draw the line? Simply blocking these things won’t make them go away in real life.

Q: Finally, with a tragedy like this, do you think that social media has gone too far?

A: No, because it’s not that social media has gone too far; it’s not the technology that we should be indicting here. It’s the people; it’s the society.

Tim realizes that people are entitled to their opinions but urges others to think about what they say and the ramifications that hateful speech and prejudice have on our society as a whole.

If you or someone you know is struggling with their sexuality, think of what Tim said about the “support networks” the school offers to all of its students and remember how accepting LVC truly is.

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Has social networking gone too far?

Does it get better?

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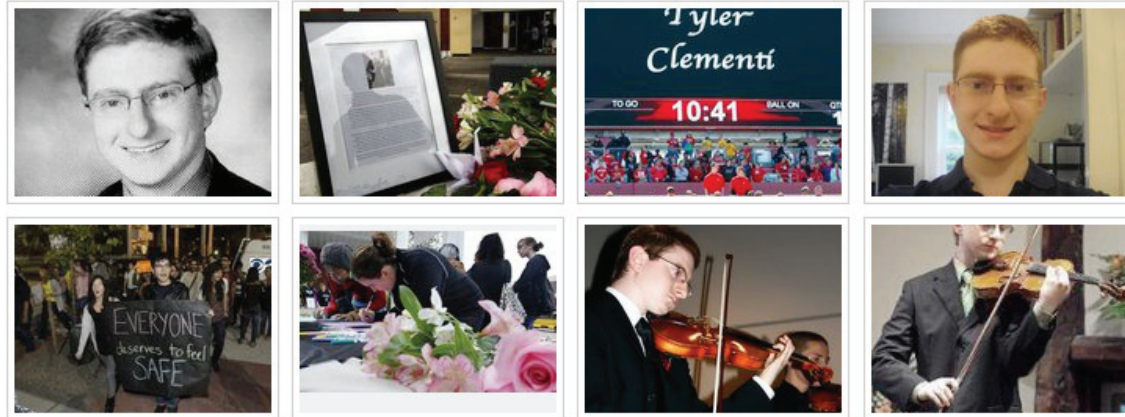
On Sept. 22, 2010, 18-year-old Tyler Clementi made the decision to jump off the George Washington Bridge. Tyler was a freshman at Rutgers University—an accomplished violinist. The question is: Why? Why would a young man with his entire life in front of him take his own life?

While the full answer to this question is not understood, the facts remain that on Sept. 19, Clementi's roommate, Dharun Ravi, 18, of Plainsboro N.J., and his friend Molly Wei, 18, of Princeton, N.J., streamed an intimate encounter involving Tyler live on the Internet. Ravi posted on his Twitter account, "Anyone with I-Chat, I dare you to video chat me between the hours of 9:30 and 12. Yes, it's happening again." This was the second time that Ravi streamed an intimate encounter of Clementi's on the Internet, though he claimed that the first was accidental.

Dan Savage, author of the relationship and sex advice column *Savage Love* for the Seattle newspaper *The Stranger* soon discovered the case of Tyler Clementi. Savage not only writes an advice column but also started an organization called the It Gets

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Better Project.

The project is designed to show gay/lesbian/bi/transsexual individuals that it *does* get better. Just because you are bullied in high school for being gay does not mean it will last forever. In response to Clementi's and other gay individuals' deaths, Savage states, "When a gay teenager commits suicide, it's because he can't picture a life for himself that's filled with joy and family and pleasure and is worth sticking around for. So I felt it was really important that, as gay adults, we show them that our lives are good and happy and healthy and that there's a life worth sticking around for after high school."

The It Gets Better Project not only

reaches the students being bullied, but it also sends a message to those students who are the bullies. Hopefully, students everywhere will learn a lesson from Clementi's death and Savage's It Gets Better Project.

Another online project, Make Beats Not Beat Downs (MBNBD), vows to give bullying victims a voice by "presenting alternative help to bullies & the bullied youth through all aspects of music." MBNBD has partnered with popular bands Underoath, Saosin and Cartel to "bring to light the atrocities that are happening to children and teenagers across the nation."

Using resources from MBNBD, schools can start anti-bullying organizations. MBNBD provides rewards

and incentives for schools that meet the goals on their website, www.makebeatsnotbeatdowns.org.

Through both MBNBD and the It Gets Better Project, people can use their voice to end bullying and the suffering it causes. People from all over the country have been posting their opinions and their stories on the Internet in correlation to the It Gets Better Project. Schools all over the country have started raising awareness and giving a voice to bullying victims with MBNBD. These two projects are examples of how the Internet can be used to reach out to young, isolated individuals and give them hope.

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VP Krikorian offers opinion on bullying

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Technology is constantly changing, through facebook, blogs and other social networking sites.

While making our lives convenient, technology, particularly social networking sites, can also cause harm. Gays and lesbians have been a principal target of cyber bullies, in high schools and colleges and universities.

Recent instances of cyber bullying have resulted in suicides. Rutgers University student Tyler Clementi is but the latest example.

Vice President of Student Affairs Greg Krikorian says the Rutgers suicide is one of the saddest stories he has ever heard. Krikorian says he can recall only one case of cyber bullying on the LVC campus.

The case was similar to the cyber

bullying that occurred at Rutgers. "Somebody taped someone involved in an intimate act and made that public. The person who did that faced both criminal and institutional action, and was separated from the institution," says Krikorian.

LVC's student handbook addresses cyber bullying in terms of harassing, intimidating or stalking a student and abusing the responsibility of computer rights and privileges. The handbook also states that "Participat[ing] in any unauthorized use of electronic or other devices to make an audio or video recording of any person while on college premises without his/her prior knowledge, or without his/her effective consent when such a recording is likely to cause injury or distress. This includes but is not limited to surreptitiously taking pictures of another person."

A judicial process exists for students who violate college policies re-

garding cyber bullying. Students usually bring accusations to Public Safety, Resident Advisors, area coordinators, dean of students, or the vice president of student affairs. They can also talk to any member of the LVC faculty or coaches. Action is taken depending on the severity of the offense.

Krikorian is quick to point out that existing policies are not a guarantee that cyber bullying can be prevented. He says educational programs or training should be implemented in schools to educate students and faculty about cyber bullying. Chaplin Paul Fullmer, Director of Multicultural Affairs Venus Ricks as well as other staff members are working on a training program for students and faculty on "safe space." If students have concerns about cyber bullying, the Lebanon Valley College Bias Response Team is an available resource for students.

"Here, at the college, people should

respect each other regardless of sexual orientation or ethnicity or anything like that. You come to college to get an education, to grow as a person, so I think it's our responsibility to never let anything like [cyber bullying] occur," Krikorian explains.

Immaturity, ignorance and naivety can be a leading cause of cyber bullying. Krikorian hopes that everyone will be aware of students around them who may be victims of cyber bullying. A concerned student or victim who comes forward may help future victims. These incidents can happen anywhere, from locker rooms, facebook walls, or even chat rooms.

"Knock on wood, we live in a relatively respectful place. I think LVC is its own little cocoon, in a lot of ways, we don't have a ton of stuff that goes on," he says.

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Internet community reacts to media-related death

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It started with social media: a stream of video and a tweet. It ended with social media: a facebook goodbye. So how is social media reacting to it?

The death of Tyler Clementi, a freshman college student who jumped off a bridge after an intimate encounter with another man was broadcast online, caught the attention of the entire nation.

Shortly after his death a nationwide outcry regarding gay rights as well as cyber privacy issues rose. People began taking action in every way they could, including on Facebook.

Only two days after Clementi's death, Facebook already had over 70 pages, groups, discussions and events dedicated to Clementi. In honor of, In memory of, Tyler Clementi memorial, are just a few of the names for the groups and pages on Facebook.

Most of these pages are filled with heartfelt comments mourning his death, or angry comments determined to stop the deaths caused by cyberbullying and homosexual abuse. Additionally, pictures of Clementi fill the pages, some even photoshopped to depict Clementi as an angel with a halo above his head.

However, caution should be taken when joining the pages and groups, as some are not what they seem. For example, one page called "In memory of Tyler Clementi" seems harmless from a first glance. However describing the page as harmless is far from the truth after viewing photos, comments, and what the Administrators, who happen to be using a fake profile, are saying.

These pages are actually filled with hateful comments about Clementi and homosexuals in general, as well as inappropriate, irrelevant and disturbing pictures. The misleading name and first glance profile is hoax to get members to join, thus keeping them from getting reported and removed from Facebook.

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REACTION: Media sends conflicting messages

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These fake groups and pages are not however, left unnoticed by all. Many other positive Clementi groups have been reporting these hurtful pages, and have been rallying others to do so as well. Their names for those ruining the Clementi sites; Trolls.

This internet term is used to describe someone who defaces an internet tribute site with the

aim of getting an emotional reaction from others or causing grief to families. With Clementi's death as a result of cyberbullying it is no wonder that 'trolls' are jumping on every opportunity they can to cause angry reactions from all who mourn the death of Clementi.

Digging deeper, there are even pages dedicated to Rharun Ravi and Molly Wei, the two accused of invasion of privacy. The

majority of these pages support Tyler, protesting their actions, and pushing for charges to be pressed. However are some that want all charges dropped against both, Ravi and Wei. This page, labeled by many as a 'Troll' page, actually has a lot of controversy and support for those who truly think they should not be charged. Their arguments range from 'it was just a practical joke by some college kids' to 'it was his own

fault for being a coward' to 'if he had been stealing and you taped him, it wouldn't have been an invasion of privacy, so why now?'

Even after the tragic death of Clementi, a result of cyberbullying gone to far, the bullying seems to continue whether aimed at homosexuals or not.

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RAD Training: Useful even in seemingly quiet Annville

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This editorial is a part of a series written by Emily Gertenbach '11 and Katie Zwiebel '12 recounting their experiences in RAD training.

Some ask me why I carry mace. Oftentimes it leads to a laugh, but this evening was an exception.

Walking across the quiet quad one evening, everything seemed to be in place. As I walked, I thought about the amounts of work I had to do that evening; however, something just did not

feel right. I continued to cross the street when two males, who at first appeared to be high school aged students, suddenly approached me.

This was it. My instinct was right.

They attempted to say hello and asked if they could talk to me for a few minutes, but I insisted that I was too busy to talk and proceeded to my door.

While they continued their attempts to approach and talk with me, I had one thing in my mind: RAD Training.

The "what-if" factor had set in

as soon as I had crossed the street. No longer did the two from afar look like people I knew.

After slamming the door shut and locking it, I stood in the hallway and debated what to do. Should I call public safety? Or was that just a fluke? Maybe they actually were LVC students.

After a brief moment, I took out my phone and dialed Public Safety. Even after dialing, they rang the doorbell again and remained outside my door. I expressed to the officer my concerns and that something just did not feel right. He proceeded

to pursue the call and found the males walking towards another area of campus. The two were taken to the Public Safety office for investigation.

Sure, we live in little Annville, but bad things can happen if you are not careful. Are you prepared—just in case?

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THE DRAMA MAMAS:

Dear Drama Mamas,

I met this guy in the beginning of August, when I was on summer break from school, and it seemed like we hit it off right away. We live about 40 minutes away from each other at home so we only got to hang out a few times, but we talked every day before I came back to school. As the semester progressed it seemed like he fell off the face of the earth, except for random text messages he sent to me. I am really confused because he says he wants a relationship but then sometimes won't respond to text messages after he initiated the conversation. He seems like a really nice guy, and he has a good job, but I don't want to seem like I am making the moves on him. Every time that I am home he asks to hang out, but once I leave to come back to school I rarely hear from him. We haven't had sex because I don't want our relationship to be just about hooking up – I want an actual relationship. I have met his friends, and he has even come over to my house, but I am still confused as to what he wants. I don't want to seem pessimistic and push him away, but I don't want to get my hopes up and be disappointed either. Should I continue talking to him or should I just ignore him and walk away?

Sincerely,

Lost in the Texts

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Want Answers?

Need a problem solved? Do you have trouble with certain issues in your life? E-mail the Drama Mamas and see what they have to say! Email questions to seb005@lvc.edu and read *La Vie* to see your answer!

Dear Lost,

First of all, it seems that neither one of you know each other very well, so it would not be wise to jump to any conclusions. Second, realize that he might be just as confused as you are. The possibilities are endless: He might not want to deal with a long-distance relationship, he might think that you aren't that interested since he is always the one to initiate conversation, he might feel like he is bothering you at school, etc. If you *are* definitely interested in him then don't ignore his texts. Let him know that you enjoy talking to him (if you do), and wait and see how he acts the next time you go out with him. If both of you are actually interested in a relationship, then 'that' conversation will happen eventually -- but don't rush into things. The only way to find out if you are both on the same page is to talk about it. Know what you want, follow your instincts, and be upfront with him – the worst that can happen is he doesn't respond, which will certainly give you an answer.

Much Love,

Drama Mamas

SPORTS

SCOREBOARD

Field Hockey
@ Widener, 10/29 : W 7-1

Ice Hockey
vs. Kutztown, 10/29 : W 6-1

Men's Cross Country
@ MAC Championships,
10/30 : 6 of 15

Women's Cross Country
@ MAC Championships,
10/30 : 2 of 14

Women's Soccer
vs. Widener, 10/30 : W 1-0

Football
vs. Widener 10/30 : W 42-38

Men's Swimming
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Women's Swimming
@ Arcadia : W 120-85

Men's Soccer
vs. Widener : W 2-0

Swimming secures second success

DAN CALLAHAN '14
LA VIE STAFF WRITER

The men's and women's swim teams won their first meets of the 2010 season against Arcadia on the eve of Halloween this past Saturday. The men's team won 125-74, and the women beat the Knights 120-85.

Leading the men were two double winners Jeff Bush '11 (50-free, 100-free) and John Denniston '14 (200-free, 500-free). Denniston became the newest Dutchmen MAC qualifier with a time of 5:27.27 in the 500-free.

Alicia Hain '14 was the only double winner for the women (200-IM, 500-free), although she did win with two MAC qualifying times. In both the men's and women's meets, the Dutchmen won all four relays.

Overall, Lebanon Valley picked up seven new MAC qualifiers. One of those qualifiers includes distance swimmer Ryan Humphries '12, who took home first place in the 1,000-free with a time of 11:53.82.

"Through our first couple of meets, we've looked really solid," Ryan said about the team so far.



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"Taking a few races against an always tough Albright team, a win against Arcadia and amassing 26 MAC-qualifying times and two new program records throughout the first two meets is an awesome start to our season. We picked up a lot of really talented freshmen this year who have not only been vital to our success thus far [but] have also embraced the team spirit of our program. Our upperclassmen have continued to put out strong results, and we can only see ourselves improving over the course of the season and getting stronger and stronger. We're going to be a very competitive team in dual meets this season, and I think we have the ability to surprise a few people come time for MAC championships in February. So far, this team is shaping up to be one of the best I've seen in my time at LVC."

The Dutchmen will take on DeSales University in Annville this Saturday, Nov. 6 at 1 p.m.

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Schedule

Wednesday, 11/3

Women's Soccer
@ Arcadia
3 p.m.

Field Hockey
vs. Elizabethtown
3:30 p.m.

Volleyball
vs. Messiah
7 p.m.

Friday 11/5

Ice Hockey
vs. Drexel,
7 p.m.

Saturday, 11/6

Football
@ Lycoming
1 p.m.

Men's and Women's Swimming
@ De Sales
1 p.m.

Field Hockey @ Commonwealth Conference Final, TBA

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

JENN CRONIN WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Senior Jenn Cronin took silver in the 8000 meter race with a time of 22:11.43, leading the women's cross country team to a second-place team finish at the 2010 Middle Atlantic Conference Cross Country Championships on Saturday, Oct. 30 at Delaware Valley College.



CHRIS HALL MEN'S SOCCER

Junior Chris Hall was named to the CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District II Second Team. Hall leads the team with nine goals, 20 points, and 67 shots. He ranks third in the CC in points and goals. Hall maintains a 3.77 GPA.



Five soccer players named All-Conference

Three women and two men soccer players named second team



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SOCCER PLAYERS NAMED ON SECOND TEAMS Nicole Snyder '13, Dani Douglass '14, Heather Tran '14, Kelly Hess '13 and Justin Hutchinson '11

LAUREN SCOTT '12
SPORTS EDITOR

Five LVC soccer players were named second team honorees to the All-Commonwealth Conference team, announced Tuesday.

The announcement marked senior Justin Hutchinson's fourth time being announced to All-

Conference honors, his second time on the second team. He led the team with seven assists on the year, marking him second in assists in LVC's history.

Sophomore Kelly Hess recorded the honors for the first time. He started all 17 games this season, posting an assist and a goal.

Sophomore Nicole Snyder,

team leader in goals and points her first two seasons with the Dutchmen, earned the honor for the second year in a row. Snyder recorded seven goals and 16 points in her 19 starts this season. With five game winning goals this season, Snyder ranks second in game-winning goals this year.

Freshman Heather Tran ap-

peared in 17 games this season, tallying a goal and two assists on the year.

Freshman Dani Douglass started 16 of the team's 18 games this season and limited opponents to only 23 goals on 124 shots on the season.

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SPORTS

Playoff galore for four teams

Men's soccer, women's soccer, field hockey and volleyball reach Commonwealth Conference playoffs

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Fall sports proved a success for Lebanon Valley College as four fall sports teams have earned placement in the Commonwealth Conference playoffs in hopes of reaching the NCAA tournament.

Men's soccer marked a 9-7-1 record and went 3-3-1 in the Commonwealth Conference, earning their match up at Messiah (16-1, 7-0 CC) on Tuesday, Nov. 2. At press time, the game was undetermined.

The team's 2-0 victory over Widener on Saturday secured a playoff position for the Dutchmen as they grabbed three points, marking them in fourth. Senior George Andriko scored a penalty kick in the second half and junior Chris Hall scored later in the game. Sophomore James Clements made five saves in the game and marked his fourth shut-out of the year. Although this year marks the team's third straight time in playoffs, they will place the top ranked team in the country and defending champs, Messiah. The only Dutchmen victory over the Falcons occurred in 2008 when Andriko banked on a free kick late in the game.

Women's soccer completed the



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regular season in third with a record of 10-7-2, 3-3-1 CC and will face number two Arcadia (14-3-1, 6-1 CC) on Wednesday, Nov. 3. The men's soccer team was not the only team who secured playoff position on Saturday, as the women's soccer team also secured their position on Saturday, defeating Widener 1-0. The points from the victory gave the Dutchmen 10 points and placed them in front of Alvernia's nine. Top scorer Nicole Snyder '13 scored

the only goal of the game while junior Sami Young blocked all seven shots on goal. The ranking places the Dutchmen in conference playoffs for the first time since the 2007 season.

No. 2 Field Hockey boasts a 17-1 record, 6-1 in the CC, marking their only loss in an overtime upset versus No. 1 Messiah. The team hosts Elizabethtown (14-4, 5-2 CC) on Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 3:30 p.m. Playing Elizabethtown in playoffs is

nothing new for the Dutchmen, as the team has hosted the Blue Jays the past two years. Last year, LVC defeated E-town 5-1 thanks to two goals a piece from Shelly Lobach '11 and Jocelyn Novak '12. This season, the Dutchmen marked a 4-2 victory over the Blue Jays thanks to goals from Allison Bicher '11. Novak and sophomore Caitlin Vasey lead not only the Dutchmen in their offensive success, but also the NCAA. Novak leads the nation with 35

goals and 76 points. In her nine postseason games in the previous two seasons, Novak's knocked in 15 goals, including three hat tricks, one of which was against Elizabethtown her freshman year. Vasey marked 23 assists in the regular season and 20 goals. Bicher has marked 19 goals and 11 assists on the season.

The team is ranked second in the nation, marking its 67th consecutive top-20 ranking and its 44th straight time ranking in the top 10.

No. 2 Volleyball (21-9, 6-1 CC) will host No. 3 Messiah (19-10, 5-2 CC) on Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. in the LVC Gymnasium. The LVC Volleyball team marks their tenth straight playoff appearance this year, this year in second as LVC fell to Elizabethtown last week, positioning themselves behind the E-town Blue Jays in the postseason. LVC marked conference titles in both the 2008 and 2009 seasons. LVC will host Messiah, who they defeated in straight sets earlier this season thanks to the offensive efforts of Emily Hopkins '11 (14 kills, .323 hitting percentage) and Joelle Snyder '11 (11 kills, .440 hitting percentage).

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Continued success on ice for the Dutchmen

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The Dutchmen Ice Hockey team recorded its fifth win on their undefeated season, marking a 6-1 victory over Kutztown on Friday, Oct. 29th.

Kutztown took the lead in the first period when Cody Ruff knocked one in, but the Dutchmen answered later in the period when freshman Tyler Skroski passed to classmate Shane Golden, who pushed the puck past Kutztown's goalie Billy Booth.

In the second period the Dutchmen had 28 shots on goal and scored

two thanks to Nicholas Schultz '12 and Matt Conroy '12, but the excitement grew for the Dutchmen in the third as they knocked in three in the last 4:50 of the game. Nick Averona '11 broke through on a powerplay to knock in the first of the period while Schultz added two goals less than a minute apart to secure the hat trick, his second of the season.

Rich Drazin '11 made 24 saves on the night to pick up his fifth win of the season.

When reflecting on their success this year Shaun Stamm '12 mentioned, "Being undefeated thus far is definitely something that feels great,

but we still take the season one game at a time and don't let ourselves think too far ahead. The attitudes of the players and coaching staff are the main contributors to our team's success this year. Plus every member of the team is dedicated to winning and being successful on as well as off the ice. I feel that the support and attendance has increased not only at the games, but also around campus. From other students to professors and staff, the support has definitely taken a turn for the better."

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